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DES DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

Employment Review

Employment Levels Show Moderate Gain In March

Posting an over the month job growth of 24,800, Massachusetts' nonagricultural wage and salary employment reached 3,010,900 in March 1987.

- In the service sector, employment grew by 12,600 between February and March 1987. The health and educational services industries recorded employment gains of 1,400, and 4,800 respectively.

- Job availability improved in the transportation, communication, and public utilities sector with an over the month increase of 1,000. Similarly moderate gain occurred in the wholesale and retail trade sector(+ 4,200) and the finance, insurance, and real estate industries(+ 1,100). Reflecting normal seasonal patterns, employment opportunities in the construction sector improved with 3,100 newly created jobs since last month.

- Employment in the manufacturing sector, currently at 608,500, fell by a negligible amount, with a 600 worker loss in March 1987. Durable and nondurable goods producing industries experienced similar monthly employment declines.

From an annual perspective, the state's nonagricultral wage and salary employment has grown by 2.5 percent or 74,100. On the industry level, certain trends persist, describing the changing composition of the state's labor market.

- With an annual growth rate of 4.9 percent between March 1986 and March 1987, service sector employment increased by 39,600. In the wholesale and retail trade sector, the number of newly created jobs totaled 19,100 over the past year. Other sectors experiencing annual employment growth include the transportation. communication, and public ulitities sector (+ 1,700) and the finance. insurance. and real estate sector(+ 13,900).

- Federal, state, and local government employment grew in total by 3,200 over the past year. Jobs in state and local government rose while the number of federal jobs declined.

- Jobs in the manufacturing sector fell by 2.4 percent or 14,800 since March 1986. Employment in the durable goods producing sector showed a 8,600 job decline, with 1,600 jobs lost in the electrical and electronic machinery industries. Despite an annual employment gain of 800 in the printing and publishing industry, the nondurable goods producing sector experienced an employment loss of 6,200 over the past year.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

MASSACHUSETTS

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				PRIOR MO.		YEAR AGO	
	MAR 1987	FEB 1987	MAR 1986	#	%	#	%
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	3010.9	2986.1	2936.8	24.8	0.8	74.1	2.5
Manufacturing	608.5	609.1	623.3	-0.6	-0.1	-14.9	-2.4
Durable Goods	408.4	408.8	417.0	-0.4	-0.1	-8.6	-2.1
Lumber & Furniture	23.4	23.0	23.1	0.4	****	0.3	1.3
Stone,Clay & Glass	20.2	20.0	21.2	0.2	1.0	-1.0	-4.7
Primary Metals	15.7	15.7	15.9	0.0	****	-0.2	-1.3
Fabricated Metals	40.8	40.9	43.4	-0.1	-0.2	-2.6	-6.0
Cutlery,Hand tools,Hardware	9.4	9.4	9.7	0.0	****	-0.3	-3.1
Machinery, except electrical	44.3	44.4	44.5	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5
Metalworking machinery	13.4	13.5	14.1	-0.1	-0.7	-0.7	-5.0
Special industry machinery	11.5	11.6	12.7	-0.1	-0.9	-1.2	-9.4
* Office Computing, & Accounting Machines	47.3	47.2	48.3	0.1	0.2	-1.0	-2.1
Electrical & Electronic machinery,equip.,etc.	123.3	123.7	124.9	-0.4	-0.3	-1.6	-1.3
Communications equipment	42.4	43.2	43.9	-0.8	-1.9	-1.5	-3.4
Electronic components	57.5	57.0	56.8	0.5	0.9	0.7	1.2
Transportation equipment	36.5	36.6	33.9 1/	-0.1	-0.3	2.6	7.7
Instruments	54.5	54.4	56.1	0.1	0.2	-1.6	-2.9
Measuring & Control devices	19.7	19.7	21.1	0.0	****	-1.4	-6.6
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	19.3	19.2	19.2	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.5
Jewelry	7.4	7.4	7.7	0.0	****	-0.3	-3.9
Nondurable Goods	200.1	200.3	206.3	-0.2	-0.1	-6.2	-3.0
Food & kindred products	22.5	23.1	22.4	-0.6	-2.6	0.1	0.4
Textile mill products	17.4	17.4	18.1	0.0	****	-0.7	-3.9
Apparel	25.8	25.8	29.0	0.0	****	-3.2	-11.0
Mens & Boys suits,coats & furnishings	6.7	6.6	7.3	0.1	1.5	-0.6	-8.2
Paper & allied products	23.7	23.7	25.1	0.0	****	-1.4	-5.6
Printing & Publishing	53.7	53.4	52.9	0.3	0.6	0.8	1.5
Chemicals	17.2	17.2	17.2	0.0	****	0.0	****
Rubber & miscellaneous Plastic products	28.7	28.7	29.5	0.0	****	-0.8	-2.7
Miscellaneous Plastic products	21.7	21.8	22.2	-0.1	-0.5	-0.5	-2.3
Leather & Leather products	9.7	9.7	10.9	0.0	****	-1.2	-11.0
Footwear, except rubber	4.9	4.9	5.9	0.0	****	-1.0	-16.9
Mining	2.1	2.0	1.5	0.1	5.0	0.6	40.0
Construction	115.9	112.8	105.1	3.1	2.7	10.8	10.3
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	126.5	125.5	124.8	1.0	0.8	1.7	1.4
Wholesale & Retail trade	702.0	697.8	682.9	4.2	0.6	19.1	2.8
Wholesale Trade	163.1	162.7	156.0	0.4	0.2	7.1	4.6
Retail Trade	538.9	535.1	526.9	3.8	0.7	12.0	2.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	210.5	209.4	196.6	1.1	0.5	13.9	7.1
Banking	63.4	63.3	60.1	0.1	0.2	3.3	5.5
Services	650.3	837.7	810.7	12.6	1.5	39.6	4.9
Health Services	246.8	245.4	239.5	1.4	0.6	7.3	3.0
Educational Services	124.6	119.8	119.2	4.8	4.0	5.4	4.5
Government	395.1	391.8	391.9	3.3	0.8	3.2	0.8
Federal	60.2	59.7	61.0	0.5	0.8	-0.8	-1.3
U.S. Postal Service	26.4	26.1	23.8	0.3	1.1	2.6	10.9
State	99.1	98.7	98.5	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6
Educational services	27.8	27.5	29.2	0.3	1.1	-1.4	-4.8
Local	235.8	233.4	232.4	2.4	1.0	3.4	1.5
Educational services	134.0	131.8	133.4	2.2	1.7	0.6	0.4
Other Local	101.8	101.6	99.0	0.2	0.2	2.8	2.8
* High Technology Manufacturing	250.0	250.2	254.2	-0.2	-0.1	-4.2	-1.7
* High Technology Nonmanufacturing	82.7	82.3	79.3	0.4	0.5	3.4	4.3

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1/ Labor dispute, 5,200 workers

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

BOSTON PMSA

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				PRIOR MO.		YEAR AGO	
	MAR 1987	FEB 1987	MAR 1986	#	%	#	%
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1706.9	1690.7	1657.1	16.2	1.0	49.8	3.0
Manufacturing	290.4	289.4	291.8	0.9	0.3	-1.4	-0.5
Durable Goods	210.6	210.6	209.1	0.0	****	1.5	0.7
Primary Metals	3.1	3.1	3.2	0.0	****	-0.1	-3.1
Fabricated Metals	16.6	16.7	17.1	-0.1	-0.6	-0.5	-2.9
Machinery, except electrical	41.4	41.6	42.3	-0.2	-0.5	-0.9	-2.1
Electrical & Electronic machinery,equip.,etc.	74.1	73.8	73.8	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4
Transportation equipment	23.8	23.9	20.5 1/	-0.1	-0.4	3.3	16.1
Instruments	40.6	40.5	40.9	0.1	0.2	-0.3	-0.7
Nondurable Goods	80.3	79.8	82.2	0.5	0.6	-1.9	-2.3
Food & kindred products	12.1	12.2	12.1	-0.1	-0.8	0.0	****
Textile mill products	2.5	2.5	2.6	0.0	****	-0.1	-3.8
Apparel	6.7	6.4	7.8	0.3	4.7	-1.1	-14.1
Paper & allied products	7.1	7.1	7.9	0.0	****	-0.8	-10.1
Printing & Publishing	32.8	32.6	32.0	0.2	0.6	0.8	2.5
Chemicals	8.0	8.0	8.1	0.0	****	-0.1	-1.2
Rubber & miscellaneous Plastic products	7.9	8.0	8.5	-0.1	-1.3	-0.6	-7.1
Leather & Leather products	2.6	2.5	2.6	0.1	4.0	0.0	****
Mining	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.0	****	0.2	33.3
Construction	59.7	58.2	55.4	1.5	2.6	4.3	7.8
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	74.2	73.7	73.1	0.5	0.7	1.1	1.5
Wholesale & Retail trade	382.2	380.1	369.5	2.1	0.6	12.7	3.4
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	143.9	143.1	136.4	0.8	0.6	7.5	5.5
Banking	41.6	41.7	39.7	-0.1	-0.2	1.9	4.8
Insurance	37.7	37.6	37.8	0.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.3
Services	556.9	547.0	533.9	9.9	1.8	23.0	4.3
Health Services	139.6	138.7	136.7	0.9	0.6	2.9	2.1
Educational Services	90.6	84.7	90.9	5.9	7.0	-0.3	-0.3
Government	198.3	197.4	196.9	0.9	0.5	1.4	0.7
Federal	38.2	37.6	37.1	0.6	1.6	1.1	3.0
U.S. Postal Service	14.7	14.5	13.3	0.2	1.4	1.4	10.5
Federal Hospitals	4.9	4.9	5.0	0.0	****	-0.1	-2.0
State	48.4	48.3	47.4	0.1	0.2	1.0	2.1
State Hospitals	4.8	4.9	4.7	-0.1	-2.0	0.1	2.1
Educational services	9.0	8.9	8.6	0.1	1.1	0.4	4.7
Local	111.7	111.5	112.4	0.2	0.2	-0.7	-0.6

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				PRIOR MO.		YEAR AGO	
	MAR 1987	FEB 1987	MAR 1986	#	%	#	%
SPRINGFIELD MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	216.2	213.7	208.0	2.5	1.2	8.2	4.1
Manufacturing	52.3	51.9	51.8	0.4	0.8	0.5	1.0
Durable Goods	27.4	27.0	26.9	0.4	1.5	0.5	1.9
Fabricated Metals	7.2	7.0	6.7	0.2	2.9	0.5	7.5
Machinery, except electrical	6.7	6.6	6.8	0.1	1.5	-0.1	-1.5
Nondurable Goods	24.9	24.9	24.9	0.0	****	0.0	****
Textile mill products	1.8	1.8	1.6	0.0	****	0.2	12.5
Apparel	1.0	0.9	1.1	0.1	11.1	-0.1	-9.1
Paper & allied products	7.9	8.0	7.7	-0.1	-1.3	0.2	2.6
Printing & Publishing	6.0	5.9	5.8	0.1	1.7	0.2	3.4
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	****	0.1	100.0
Construction	7.6	7.4	7.0	0.2	2.7	0.6	8.6
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	9.2	9.1	9.0	0.1	1.1	0.2	2.2
Wholesale & Retail trade	55.0	54.8	52.5	0.2	0.4	2.5	4.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	15.7	15.7	14.9	0.0	****	0.8	5.4
Services	57.7	56.4	54.3	1.3	2.3	3.4	6.3
Government	38.5	38.2	37.3	0.3	0.8	1.2	3.2
Federal	5.9	5.9	5.9	0.0	****	0.0	****
State	8.4	8.4	8.1	0.0	****	0.3	3.7
Local	24.2	23.9	23.3	0.3	1.3	0.9	3.9
WORCESTER MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	194.5	193.8	188.1	0.7	0.4	6.4	3.4
Manufacturing	45.2	45.4	46.5	-0.2	-0.4	-1.3	-2.8
Durable Goods	30.4	30.6	31.4	-0.2	-0.7	-1.0	-3.2
Primary Metals	2.1	2.1	2.2	0.0	****	-0.1	-4.5
Fabricated Metals	7.2	7.2	7.6	0.0	****	-0.4	-5.3
Machinery, except electrical	9.0	9.1	9.3	-0.1	-1.1	-0.3	-3.2
Nondurable Goods	14.8	14.8	15.1	0.0	****	-0.3	-2.0
Textile mill products	2.9	2.9	3.2	0.0	****	-0.3	-9.4
Leather & Leather products	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.0	****	-0.1	-11.1
Mining	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	100.0	0.1	100.0
Construction	7.7	7.5	7.0	0.2	2.7	0.7	10.0
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	8.0	8.0	8.1	0.0	****	-0.1	-1.2
Wholesale & Retail trade	48.6	48.4	45.7	0.2	0.4	2.9	6.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	12.8	12.8	12.0	0.0	****	0.8	6.7
Services	48.4	48.0	45.6	0.4	0.8	2.8	6.1
Government	23.6	23.6	23.1	0.0	****	0.5	2.2

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				PRIOR MO.		YEAR AGO	
	MAR 1987	FEB 1987	MAR 1986	#	%	#	%
BROCKTON PMSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	72.0	71.3	69.8	0.7	1.0	2.2	3.2
Manufacturing	11.0	10.9	11.9	0.1	0.9	-0.9	-7.6
Durable Goods	5.9	5.9	6.2	0.0	****	-0.3	-4.8
Electrical & Electronic machinery,equip.,etc.	1.6	1.6	1.5	0.0	****	0.1	6.7
Nondurable Goods	5.1	5.0	5.7	0.1	2.0	-0.6	-10.5
Construction	4.2	3.9	3.2	0.3	7.7	1.0	31.3
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	5.2	5.1	5.3	0.1	2.0	-0.1	-1.9
Wholesale & Retail trade	21.5	21.6	20.3	-0.1	-0.5	1.2	5.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	3.1	3.1	2.9	0.0	****	0.2	6.9
Services	14.9	14.5	14.6	0.4	2.8	0.3	2.1
Government	12.1	12.2	11.6	-0.1	-0.8	0.5	4.3
Federal	3.0	3.1	2.9	-0.1	-3.2	0.1	3.4
State	2.2	2.2	2.3	0.0	****	-0.1	-4.3
Local	6.9	6.9	6.4	0.0	****	0.5	7.8
LAWRENCE - HAVERHILL MASS. - N.H. PMSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	159.3	158.9	159.7	0.4	0.3	-0.4	-0.3
Manufacturing	51.3	51.8	53.7	-0.5	-1.0	-2.4	-4.5
Durable Goods	38.0	38.6	40.0	-0.6	-1.6	-2.0	-5.0
Nondurable Goods	13.3	13.2	13.7	0.1	0.8	-0.4	-2.9
Leather & Leather products	2.0	1.8	2.4	0.2	11.1	-0.4	-16.7
Construction	8.3	8.4	10.2	-0.1	-1.2	-1.9	-18.6
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	6.8	6.7	6.5	0.1	1.5	0.3	4.6
Wholesale & Retail trade	35.6	35.2	32.9	0.4	1.1	2.7	8.2
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	6.0	6.0	5.6	0.0	****	0.4	7.1
Services	31.3	31.1	29.7	0.2	0.6	1.6	5.4
Government	20.0	19.7	21.1	0.3	1.5	-1.1	-5.2

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				PRIOR MO.		YEAR AGO	
	MAR 1987	FEB 1987	MAR 1986	#	%	#	%
FITCHBURG - LEOMINSTER MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	39.5	39.2	39.7	0.3	0.8	-0.2	-0.5
Manufacturing	13.2	13.1	13.4	0.1	0.8	-0.2	-1.5
Durable Goods	5.0	5.0	5.7	0.0	****	-0.7	-12.3
Machinery, except electrical	3.4	3.4	3.6	0.0	****	-0.2	-5.6
Nondurable Goods	8.2	8.1	7.7	0.1	1.2	0.5	6.5
Rubber & miscellaneous Plastic products	4.1	4.1	3.7	0.0	****	0.4	10.8
Construction	1.9	1.8	1.8	0.1	5.6	0.1	5.6
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	1.4	1.4	1.5	0.0	****	-0.1	-6.7
Wholesale & Retail trade	10.0	10.0	9.7	0.0	****	0.3	3.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1.6	1.6	1.5	0.0	****	0.1	6.7
Services	6.9	6.8	6.9	0.1	1.5	0.0	****
Government	4.5	4.5	4.9	0.0	****	-0.4	-8.2
LOWELL MASS. - N.H. PMSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	104.1	103.5	0.2	0.6	0.6	103.9	###.#
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	****	0.1	###.#
Manufacturing	37.0	36.9	38.7	0.1	0.3	-1.7	-4.4
Construction	4.4	4.4	4.0	0.0	****	0.4	10.0
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	3.3	3.3	3.4	0.0	****	-0.1	-2.9
Wholesale & Retail trade	21.7	21.7	21.8	0.0	****	-0.1	-0.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4.2	4.1	3.7	0.1	2.4	0.5	13.5
Services	20.3	20.1	18.7	0.2	1.0	1.6	8.6
Government	13.1	12.9	13.2	0.2	1.6	-0.1	-0.8
SALEM - GLOUCESTER PMSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	109.6	108.8	105.7	0.8	0.7	3.9	3.7
Manufacturing	22.9	23.0	23.5	-0.1	-0.4	-0.6	-2.6
Durable Goods	15.9	16.0	16.5	-0.1	-0.6	-0.6	-3.6
Nondurable Goods	7.0	7.0	7.0	0.0	****	0.0	****
Construction	3.7	3.7	3.6	0.0	****	0.1	2.8
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	3.2	3.1	2.9	0.1	3.2	0.3	10.3
Wholesale & Retail trade	32.8	32.6	31.5	0.2	0.6	1.3	4.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	5.4	5.1	4.9	0.3	5.9	0.5	10.2
Services	26.3	25.8	24.3	0.5	1.9	2.0	8.2
Government	15.3	15.4	15.0	-0.1	-0.6	0.3	2.0

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				PRIOR MO.		YEAR AGO	
	MAR 1987	FEB 1987	MAR 1986	#	%	#	%
PITTSFIELD MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	42.4	42.1	41.2	.3	.7	1.2	2.9
Manufacturing	11.9	12.0	12.1	-0.1	-0.8	-0.2	-1.7
Machinery	7.7	7.8	8.1	-0.1	-1.3	-0.4	-4.9
Construction	1.7	1.7	1.8	0.0	****	-0.1	-5.6
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.0	****	-0.1	-5.0
Wholesale & Retail trade	11.3	11.3	10.9	.0	0.0	.4	3.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	2.2	2.1	2.0	0.1	4.8	0.2	10.0
Services	9.6	9.6	8.9	0.0	****	0.7	7.9
Government	4.7	4.6	4.8	0.1	2.2	-0.1	-2.1
NEW BEDFORD MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	65.3	64.8	65.1	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.3
Manufacturing	21.2	21.1	21.7	0.1	0.5	-0.5	-2.3
Durable Goods	9.1	9.1	9.2	0.0	****	-0.1	-1.1
Primary & Fabricated Metals	3.4	3.4	3.3	0.0	****	0.1	3.0
Nondurable Goods	12.1	12.0	12.5	0.1	0.8	-0.4	-3.2
Apparel	6.4	6.4	6.5	0.0	****	-0.1	-1.5
Construction	2.8	2.6	2.3	0.2	7.7	0.5	21.7
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	3.1	3.0	2.9	0.1	3.3	0.2	6.9
Wholesale & Retail trade	14.6	14.4	14.6	0.2	1.4	0.0	****
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.0	****	0.1	4.2
Services	12.0	12.0	11.6	0.0	****	0.4	3.4
Government	9.1	9.2	9.6	-0.1	-1.1	-0.5	-5.2
FALL RIVER MASS. - R.I. PMSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.8	55.0	54.0	-0.2	-0.4	0.8	1.5
Manufacturing	16.7	17.0	17.6	-0.3	-1.8	-0.9	-5.1
Textile mill products	4.3	4.3	4.3	0.0	****	0.0	****
All other manufacturing	12.4	12.7	13.3	-0.3	-2.4	-0.9	-6.8
Construction	2.0	1.9	1.7	0.1	5.3	0.3	17.6
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	1.9	1.8	1.8	0.1	5.6	0.1	5.6
Wholesale & Retail trade	14.3	14.3	13.6	0.0	****	0.7	5.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	2.9	2.9	2.7	0.0	****	0.2	7.4
Services	10.6	10.6	10.1	0.0	****	0.5	5.0
Government	6.4	6.5	6.5	-0.1	-1.5	-0.1	-1.5

NOTE: By place of work, not comparable to labor force employment statistics

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS BY INDUSTRY

MANUFACTURING

Area	Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar 87	Feb 87	Mar 86	Mar 87	Feb 87	Mar 86
UNITED STATES	40.9	41.2	40.7	$9.44	$9.43	$9.33
MASSACHUSETTS	40.9	40.5	41.2	9.59	9.56	9.10
BOSTON	40.5	40.3	40.6	10.42	10.42	9.98
BROCKTON	40.7	40.0	*	7.87	7.87	*
FALL RIVER	36.3	36.2	*	7.49	7.44	*
LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL	41.3	40.8	*	9.71	9.81	*
LOWELL	43.5	43.1	*	9.91	9.91	*
NEW BEDFORD	39.6	39.0	*	8.16	8.08	*
SPRINGFIELD	42.2	42.1	42.4	9.10	9.02	8.98
WORCESTER	41.0	40.7	39.8	9.55	9.54	9.35

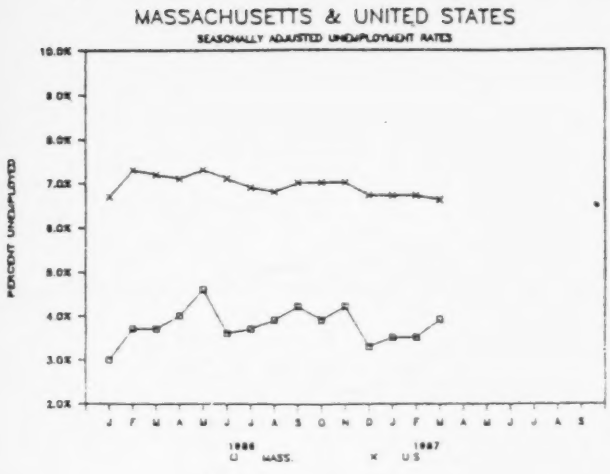
*INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS BY INDUSTRY

MASSACHUSETTS

Industry	Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar 87	Feb 87	Mar 86	Mar 87	Feb 87	Mar 86
MANUFACTURING	40.9	40.5	41.2	9.59	9.56	9.10
DURABLE GOODS	41.7	41.1	41.8	10.09	10.02	9.59
LUMBER & FURNITURE	40.1	40.0	38.7	7.17	7.12	6.67
STONE, CLAY & GLASS	39.7	38.0	38.6	11.44	11.28	10.98
PRIMARY METALS	42.9	42.6	43.7	9.04	9.00	9.03
FABRICATED METALS	41.0	40.4	42.0	10.06	9.96	9.56
CUTLERY, ETC.	44.0	43.5	43.5	10.93	11.13	10.75
MACHINERY, EX. ELEC.	43.2	42.5	42.8	10.68	10.61	10.22
METALWORKING MACH.	42.0	42.3	41.6	10.76	10.79	10.85
SPECIAL INDU. MACH.	44.9	44.3	43.8	12.09	11.95	11.24
ELEC. & ELECTRON. MACH.	42.7	42.3	42.3	9.66	9.65	9.17
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIP.	45.3	44.8	43.7	10.77	10.79	10.27
ELECTRONIC COMP.	44.2	43.5	44.1	9.68	9.64	9.30
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	40.8	39.9	38.8	11.79	11.64	11.43
INSTRUMENTS	39.3	39.1	40.9	10.55	10.68	9.61
MEAS. & CONTROL DEVICES	43.0	42.2	42.6	8.34	8.59	7.85
MISC. MANUFAC. IND.	41.8	39.8	41.8	8.71	8.44	8.37
JEWELRY	42.5	39.8	41.5	7.45	7.26	7.46
NONDURABLE GOODS	39.6	39.4	40.3	8.75	8.77	8.29
FOOD & KINDRED PROD.	38.4	40.3	42.7	9.58	9.42	9.32
TEXTILE MILL PROD.	42.0	41.5	41.4	8.12	8.12	7.82
APPAREL	38.9	38.3	38.6	6.48	6.35	5.97
MENS & BOYS SUITS	40.7	40.2	42.4	7.06	6.96	6.95
PAPER & ALLIED PRODUCTS	43.0	42.5	43.2	9.21	9.04	9.12
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	37.2	36.7	38.7	9.64	9.91	9.08
CHEMICALS	41.0	41.6	42.1	11.09	11.37	10.60
RUBBER & PLASTIC PROD.	41.0	40.6	41.2	8.40	8.45	7.96
MISC. PLAS. PROD.	39.2	39.2	40.5	7.99	8.02	7.53
LEATHER & LEATHER PROD.	36.1	35.4	35.0	7.22	7.20	6.78
FOOTWEAR, EX. RUBBER	33.2	32.4	33.0	6.48	6.41	6.05



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Quarterly Data Reveal Employment Growth in Most Regions

Nonagricultral employment levels in the state have grown by 2.4 percent between the first quarters of 1986 and 1987. Labor areas experiencing quarterly employment growth include the Boston PMSA (2.8 percent), the Springfield PMSA (4.1 percent), and the Worcester PMSA, (3.4 percent) The smaller areas, such as the Lawrence-Haverhill PMSA, the Lowell PMSA, and the New Bedford PMSA, showed negative or slow growth over the year.

Unemployment Rate Rises in March 1987

Massachusetts' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose four tenths of a percentage point to 3.9 percent in March 1987. The state's rate continued to rank well below the national rate which fell slightly over the month to 6.6 percent.

- The Boston PMSA's March unemployment rate of 3.6 percent remained the lowest in the Commonwealth. The Worcester PMSA and Salem-Gloucester PMSA followed next with rates of 4.2 percent and 4.3 percent, respectively.

- Labor areas showing the highest unemployment rates included the Fitchburg-Leominster PMSA (5.9 percent), the New Bedford PMSA (8.0 percent), and the Fall River PMSA (8.4 percent).

- A comparison of the states' average unemployment rate for the first quarters of 1986 and 1987 shows no change over the year with the adjusted rate remaining constant at 3.6 percent.

- Using seasonally unadjusted labor force data, the first quarter average unemployment rate for the Boston area fell from 3.5 percent in 1986 to 3.4 percent in 1987. Both the Springfield and Worcester PMSA's showed declines in unemployment between the first quarter of 1986 and 1987.

- In the Fall River PMSA, the unemployment rate rose from 7.6 percent in the first quarter of 1986 to 7.8 percent in 1987. Average unemployment fell in the Lawrence-Haverhill PMSA from 5.2 percent in the first quarter of 1986 to 4.6 percent for the same period in 1987.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
UNITED STATES AND MASSACHUSETTS
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(In Thousands)

	Mar 87	Feb 87	Mar 86
United States	6.6	6.7	7.2
Massachusetts	3.9	3.5	3.8
Labor Force	3074.0	3040.0	3058.0
Employed	2953.0	2935.0	2943.0
Unemployed	121.0	105.0	115.0

LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
UNITED STATES, MASSACHUSETTS AND THE LABOR AREA
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(In Thousands)

AREA	MAR 1987	FEB 1987	MAR 1986
UNITED STATES			
LABOR FORCE	118,353,000	117,967,000	118,033,000
EMPLOYMENT	110,229,000	109,464,000	109,366,000
UNEMPLOYMENT	8,124,000	8,503,000	8,667,000
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	6.9	7.2	7.3
MASSACHUSETTS			
LABOR FORCE	3,048,400	3,001,600	3,030,700
EMPLOYMENT	2,912,400	2,884,200	2,900,400
UNEMPLOYMENT	136,000	117,400	130,300
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.5	3.9	4.3
MAJOR LABOR AREAS			
BOSTON PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	1,520,760	1,497,880	1,509,900
EMPLOYMENT	1,465,490	1,450,880	1,456,520
UNEMPLOYMENT	55,270	47,000	53,380
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.6	3.1	3.5
BROCKTON PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	96,480	94,540	95,140
EMPLOYMENT	91,740	90,530	90,840
UNEMPLOYMENT	4,740	4,010	4,300
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.9	4.2	4.5
FALL RIVER PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	76,770	75,780	76,340
EMPLOYMENT	70,330	70,200	70,170
UNEMPLOYMENT	6,440	5,570	6,170
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	8.4	7.4	8.1
FITCHBURG-LEOMINSTER MSA			
LABOR FORCE	45,250	44,920	47,710
EMPLOYMENT	42,560	42,650	45,440
UNEMPLOYMENT	2,690	2,280	2,270
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	5.9	5.1	4.8
LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	180,420	177,950	184,480
EMPLOYMENT	171,270	169,950	174,810
UNEMPLOYMENT	9,150	8,000	9,670
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	5.1	4.5	5.2
LOWELL PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	147,220	145,810	149,830
EMPLOYMENT	140,700	139,920	143,800
UNEMPLOYMENT	6,520	5,890	6,030
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.4	4.0	4.0
NEW BEDFORD MSA			
LABOR FORCE	84,090	82,550	84,900
EMPLOYMENT	77,400	76,560	78,290
UNEMPLOYMENT	6,690	5,990	6,610
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	8.0	7.3	7.8

NOTE: By place of residence, not comparable to nonagricultural wage and salary employment.

LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
UNITED STATES, MASSACHUSETTS AND THE LABOR AREA
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(In Thousands)

AREA	MAR 1987	FEB 1987	MAR 1986
PITTSFIELD MSA			
LABOR FORCE	40,780	39,780	40,120
EMPLOYMENT	38,640	38,050	38,150
UNEMPLOYMENT	2,140	1,730	1,970
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	5.2	4.3	4.9
SALEM-GLOUCESTER PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	148,720	147,170	145,420
EMPLOYMENT	142,340	141,000	139,240
UNEMPLOYMENT	6,380	6,170	6,180
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.3	4.2	4.2
SPRINGFIELD MSA			
LABOR FORCE	249,560	246,040	246,170
EMPLOYMENT	238,300	236,000	234,650
UNEMPLOYMENT	11,260	10,040	11,520
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.5	4.1	4.7
WORCESTER MSA			
LABOR FORCE	209,800	206,690	206,670
EMPLOYMENT	201,080	199,330	198,540
UNEMPLOYMENT	8,720	7,360	8,130
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.2	3.6	3.9
OTHER LABOR AREAS			
AMHERST LMA			
LABOR FORCE	29,370	28,930	29,120
EMPLOYMENT	28,370	28,030	28,290
UNEMPLOYMENT	1,000	900	830
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.4	3.1	2.9
ATHOL LMA			
LABOR FORCE	10,390	10,130	9,970
EMPLOYMENT	9,730	9,530	9,260
UNEMPLOYMENT	660	610	710
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	6.4	6.0	7.1
ATTLEBORO LMA			
LABOR FORCE	47,710	46,810	47,610
EMPLOYMENT	44,500	43,980	44,470
UNEMPLOYMENT	3,200	2,840	3,140
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	6.7	6.1	6.6
BARNSTABLE LMA			
LABOR FORCE	90,620	87,560	88,770
EMPLOYMENT	84,270	81,950	83,200
UNEMPLOYMENT	6,350	5,600	5,560
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	7.0	6.4	6.3
DUKES COUNTY LMA			
LABOR FORCE	5,500	5,290	5,370
EMPLOYMENT	5,090	4,960	5,030
UNEMPLOYMENT	410	330	340
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	7.4	6.2	6.4

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LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
UNITED STATES, MASSACHUSETTS AND THE LABOR AREA
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(In Thousands)

AREA	MAR 1987	FEB 1987	MAR 1986
GARDNER LMA			
LABOR FORCE	14,520	14,240	14,340
EMPLOYMENT	13,440	13,290	13,340
UNEMPLOYMENT	1,080	950	1,000
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	7.5	6.6	7.0
GREAT BARRINGTON LMA			
LABOR FORCE	8,930	8,750	8,760
EMPLOYMENT	8,510	8,440	8,470
UNEMPLOYMENT	420	320	290
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.7	3.6	3.4
GREENFIELD LMA			
LABOR FORCE	24,630	24,040	24,260
EMPLOYMENT	23,670	23,110	23,210
UNEMPLOYMENT	960	930	1,050
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.9	3.9	4.3
NANTUCKET LMA			
LABOR FORCE	4,210	4,020	4,070
EMPLOYMENT	4,070	3,910	3,900
UNEMPLOYMENT	150	120	180
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.5	3.0	4.3
NORTH ADAMS LMA			
LABOR FORCE	19,130	19,050	18,320
EMPLOYMENT	17,850	17,900	17,920
UNEMPLOYMENT	1,280	1,150	1,410
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	6.7	6.0	7.3
SOUTHBRIDGE LMA			
LABOR FORCE	12,840	12,570	13,010
EMPLOYMENT	12,030	11,900	12,380
UNEMPLOYMENT	820	670	630
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	6.3	5.3	4.9
TAUNTON LMA			
LABOR FORCE	25,760	25,780	25,360
EMPLOYMENT	24,160	24,340	23,560
UNEMPLOYMENT	1,600	1,440	1,800
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	6.2	5.6	7.1
WARE LMA			
LABOR FORCE	7,920	7,670	8,120
EMPLOYMENT	7,460	7,280	7,740
UNEMPLOYMENT	460	390	380
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	5.8	5.1	4.7
BALANCE OF WESTERN MASS EA			
LABOR FORCE	8,820	8,510	7,760
EMPLOYMENT	8,360	8,120	7,460
UNEMPLOYMENT	460	380	310
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	5.2	4.5	3.9

NOTE: By place of residence, not comparable to nonagricultural wage and salary employment.

LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
MASSACHUSETTS CITIES AND TOWNS

MARCH 1987 PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES

City or Town Name	Labor Force	Employ-ment	Unemploy-ment	Rate
[illegible]	7,475	7,183	292	3.9
[illegible]	10,068	9,812	256	2.5
[illegible]	4,814	4,574	240	5.4
[illegible]	4,837	4,534	303	6.3
[illegible]	13,730	13,316	414	3.0
[illegible]	228	218	10	4.4
[illegible]	7,231	6,809	422	5.8
[illegible]	19,103	18,425	678	3.5
[illegible]	13,907	13,420	487	3.5
[illegible]	28,184	27,459	725	2.5
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	5,464	5,305	159	2.9
[illegible]	4,678	4,376	302	6.5
[illegible]	19,147	17,359	1,738	9.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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[illegible]	679	651	28	4.1
[illegible]	7,006	6,846	160	2.3
[illegible]	4,196	3,948	248	5.9
[illegible]	7,493	7,158	335	4.5
[illegible]	14,444	14,096	348	2.4
[illegible]	1,311	1,222	79	6.0
[illegible]	1,247	1,216	31	2.5
[illegible]	926	896	30	3.2
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[illegible]	3,208	2,990	218	6.8
[illegible]	585	552	33	5.6
[illegible]	1,391	1,359	32	2.3
[illegible]	292,599	278,233	14,366	4.9
[illegible]	6,809	6,448	361	5.3
[illegible]	2,033	2,018	15	0.7
[illegible]	2,698	2,632	66	2.4
[illegible]	2,019	1,963	56	2.8
[illegible]	19,889	19,135	754	3.8
[illegible]	2,630	2,506	124	4.7
[illegible]	8,833	8,420	413	4.7
[illegible]	1,200	1,133	67	5.6
[illegible]	49,249	46,857	2,392	4.9
[illegible]	1,281	1,219	62	4.8
[illegible]	33,401	32,511	890	2.7
[illegible]	930	907	23	2.5
[illegible]	13,485	13,096	389	2.9
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MARCH 1987 PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES

City or Town Name	Labor Force	Employ-ment	Unemploy-ment	Rate
MALDEN	28,323	27,224	1,099	3.9
MANCHESTER	2,931	2,843	88	3.0
MANSFIELD	7,334	7,164	170	2.3
MARBLEHEAD	11,833	11,359	474	4.0
MARION	1,960	1,774	186	9.5
MARLBOROUGH	18,037	17,563	474	2.6
MARSHFIELD	10,991	10,554	437	4.0
MASHPEE	2,243	2,127	116	5.2
MATTAPOISETT	3,032	2,841	191	6.3
MAYNARD	5,481	5,287	194	3.5
MEDFIELD	5,276	5,159	117	2.2
MEDFORD	31,101	29,966	1,135	3.6
MEDWAY	4,539	4,413	126	2.8
MELROSE	16,269	15,757	512	3.1
MENDON	1,636	1,603	33	2.0
MERRIMAC	2,314	2,197	117	5.1
METHUEN	20,528	19,587	941	4.6
MIDDLEBOROUGH	7,764	7,246	518	6.7
MIDDLEFIELD	202	194	8	3.9
MIDDLETON	2,645	2,489	156	5.9
MILFORD	12,716	12,136	580	4.6
MILLBURY	6,234	5,899	335	5.4
MILLIS	3,737	3,630	107	2.9
MILLVILLE	841	772	69	8.2
MILTON	13,936	12,835	1,101	7.9
NAHANT	3,420	3,276	144	4.2
NANTUCKET	4,101	3,968	133	3.2
NATICK	17,262	16,855	407	2.4
NEEDHAM	15,386	15,009	377	2.5
NEW ASHFORD	105	101	4	3.8
NEW BEDFORD	48,360	43,932	4,428	9.2
NEW BRAINTREE	296	285	11	3.7
NEW MARLBOROUGH	654	623	31	4.7
NEW SALEM	329	312	17	5.2
NEWBURY	2,401	2,230	171	7.1
NEWBURYPORT	8,625	8,189	436	5.1
NEWTON	48,164	46,914	1,250	2.6
NORFOLK	2,869	2,793	76	2.6
NORTH ADAMS	8,184	7,489	695	8.5
NORTH ANDOVER	10,530	10,137	393	3.7
NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH	11,354	10,649	705	6.2
NORTH BROOKFIELD	2,037	1,979	58	2.8
NORTH READING	6,543	6,353	190	2.9
NORTHAMPTON	14,731	14,164	567	3.8
NORTHBOROUGH	5,742	5,624	118	2.1
NORTHBRIDGE	6,366	6,085	281	4.4
NORTHFIELD	1,275	1,233	42	3.3
NORTON	6,969	6,652	317	4.5
NORWELL	4,723	4,623	100	2.1
NORWOOD	17,303	16,822	481	2.8
OAK BLUFFS	1,094	971	123	11.2
OAKHAM	421	395	26	6.2
ORANGE	2,608	2,440	168	6.4
ORLEANS	2,740	2,605	135	4.9
OTIS	500	472	28	5.6
OXFORD	6,045	5,705	340	5.6
PALMER	5,904	5,728	176	3.0
PAXTON	2,074	2,044	30	1.4
PEABODY	27,091	25,832	1,259	4.6
PELHAM	719	696	23	3.2
PEMBROKE	6,882	6,541	341	5.0
PEPPERELL	4,640	4,420	220	4.7
PERU	347	326	21	6.1
PETERSHAM	479	467	12	2.5
PHILLIPSTON	448	423	25	5.6
PITTSFIELD	25,157	23,719	1,438	5.7
PLAINFIELD	222	202	20	9.0
PLAINVILLE	3,151	2,950	201	6.4
PLYMOUTH	16,993	16,016	977	5.7
PLYMPTON	979	927	52	5.3
PRINCETON	1,365	1,335	30	2.2
PROVINCETOWN	2,601	2,097	504	19.4
QUINCY	46,992	45,298	1,694	3.6

City or Town Name	Labor Force	Employ-ment	Unemploy-ment	Rate
RANDOLPH	15,953	15,395	558	3.5
RAYNHAM	4,859	4,689	170	3.5
READING	12,917	12,588	329	2.5
REHOBOTH	3,935	3,655	280	7.1
REVERE	22,190	20,992	1,198	5.4
RICHMOND	839	819	20	2.4
ROCHESTER	1,586	1,496	90	5.7
ROCKLAND	8,051	7,611	440	5.5
ROCKPORT	3,135	2,921	214	6.8
ROWE	158	147	11	7.0
ROWLEY	2,387	2,310	77	3.2
ROYALSTON	442	406	36	8.1
RUSSELL	744	719	25	3.4
RUTLAND	2,201	2,131	70	3.2
SALEM	22,006	21,054	952	4.3
SALISBURY	3,002	2,811	191	6.4
SANDISFIELD	340	324	16	4.6
SANDWICH	6,015	5,733	282	4.6
SAUGUS	13,670	13,024	646	4.7
SAVOY	289	257	32	11.1
SCITUATE	9,147	8,830	317	3.5
SEEKONK	6,622	6,129	493	7.4
SHARON	7,897	7,629	268	3.4
SHEFFIELD	1,940	1,825	115	5.9
SHELBURNE	935	866	69	7.4
SHERBORN	2,118	2,047	71	3.4
SHIRLEY	2,593	2,453	140	5.4
SHREWSBURY	12,883	12,470	413	3.2
SHUTESBURY	717	692	25	3.5
SOMERSET	10,093	9,383	710	7.0
SOMERVILLE	42,781	41,072	1,709	4.0
SOUTH HADLEY	8,771	8,459	312	3.6
SOUTHAMPTON	2,196	2,116	80	3.6
SOUTHBOROUGH	3,452	3,364	88	2.5
SOUTHBRIDGE	7,569	7,153	416	5.5
SOUTHWICK	3,816	3,655	161	4.2
SPENCER	5,445	5,240	205	3.8
SPRINGFIELD	68,560	64,625	3,935	5.7
STERLING	2,907	2,846	61	2.1
STOCKBRIDGE	1,250	1,218	32	2.6
STONEHAM	11,930	11,637	293	2.5
STOUGHTON	14,673	14,058	615	4.2
STOW	2,905	2,847	58	2.0
STURBRIDGE	2,921	2,690	231	7.9
SUDBURY	7,438	7,258	180	2.4
SUNDERLAND	2,172	2,103	69	3.2
SUTTON	2,972	2,818	154	5.2
SWAMPSCOTT	7,871	7,626	245	3.1
SWANSEA	7,963	7,432	531	6.7
TAUNTON	21,777	20,441	1,336	6.1
TEMPLETON	2,560	2,399	161	6.3
TEWKSBURY	14,888	14,300	588	3.9
TISBURY	1,919	1,757	162	8.4
TOLLAND	147	132	15	10.2
TOPSFIELD	3,080	3,006	74	2.4
TOWNSEND	3,695	3,596	99	2.7
TRURO	807	669	138	17.1
TYNGSBOROUGH	3,631	3,516	115	3.2
TYRINGHAM	230	224	6	2.6
UPTON	2,064	2,033	51	2.4
UXBRIDGE	4,397	4,132	265	6.0
WAKEFIELD	13,994	13,505	489	3.5
WALES	525	465	60	11.4
WALPOLE	10,112	9,820	292	2.9
WALTHAM	33,770	32,841	929	2.8
WARE	3,660	3,408	252	6.9
WAREHAM	9,597	8,635	962	10.0
WARREN	1,418	1,352	66	4.7
WARWICK	247	232	15	6.1
WASHINGTON	328	302	26	7.9
WATERTOWN	20,732	20,176	556	2.7
WAYLAND	6,887	6,745	142	2.1
WEBSTER	7,255	6,861	394	5.4
WELLESLEY	14,292	13,903	389	2.7
WELLFLEET	1,174	1,054	120	10.2
WENDELL	371	327	44	11.9
WENHAM	2,152	2,103	49	2.3
WEST BOYLSTON	3,360	3,256	104	3.1
WEST BRIDGEWATER	3,388	3,229	159	4.7

NOTE: By place of residence, not comparable to nonagricultural wage and salary employment

MARCH 1987 PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES

City or Town Name	Labor Force	Employ-ment	Unemploy-ment	Rate
WEST BROOKFIELD	1,207	1,156	51	4.2
WEST NEWBURY	1,489	1,385	104	7.0
WEST SPRINGFIELD	14,488	14,042	446	3.1
WEST STOCKBRIDGE	720	694	26	3.6
WEST TISBURY	660	647	13	2.0
WESTBOROUGH	7,938	7,702	236	3.0
WESTFIELD	17,756	16,938	818	4.6
WESTFORD	8,098	7,851	247	3.1
WESTHAMPTON	705	689	16	2.3
WESTMINSTER	2,502	2,427	75	3.0
WESTON	5,849	5,792	57	1.0
WESTPORT	6,938	6,338	601	8.7
WESTWOOD	7,167	7,035	132	1.8
WEYMOUTH	30,917	29,714	1,203	3.9
WHATELY	905	870	35	3.9
WHITMAN	7,261	7,024	237	3.3
WILBRAHAM	6,144	5,929	215	3.5
WILLIAMSBURG	1,426	1,346	80	5.6
WILLIAMSTOWN	4,063	3,842	221	5.4
WILMINGTON	9,296	8,959	337	3.6
WINCHENDON	2,973	2,738	235	7.9
WINCHESTER	11,076	10,832	244	2.2
WINDSOR	346	335	11	3.2
WINTHROP	11,031	10,624	407	3.7
WOBURN	21,284	20,788	496	2.3
WORCESTER	80,908	77,003	3,905	4.8
WORTHINGTON	534	508	26	4.9
WRENTHAM	3,406	3,287	119	3.5
YARMOUTH	9,288	8,780	508	5.5

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS[1]
MASSACHUSETTS AND THE LABOR AREAS

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

MASSACHUSETTS AND THE LABOR AREAS	INITIAL CLAIMS			CONTINUED CLAIMS[2]		
	MAR 87	FEB 87	MAR 86	MAR 87	FEB 87	MAR 86
MASSACHUSETTS	4,655	8,304	6,474	64,336	70,641	73,699
MAJOR LABOR AREAS						
BOSTON PMSA	1,746	2,230	2,247	23,950	24,707	29,648
BROCKTON PMSA	163	184	198	2,006	2,080	2,386
FALL RIVER PMSA[3]	398	462	566	3,925	4,124	5,057
FITCHBURG-LEOMINSTER MSA	103	102	118	1,298	1,355	1,405
LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL PMSA[4]	283	452	468	3,725	3,688	4,637
LOWELL PMSA[4]	176	237	244	2,651	3,090	3,187
NEW BEDFORD MSA	425	472	663	3,671	4,198	4,755
PITTSFIELD MSA	88	75	87	1,101	1,063	1,287
SPRINFIELD MSA	292	434	383	3,057	3,252	3,441
SALEM-GLOUCESTER PMSA	365	580	502	5,140	5,645	6,901
WORCESTER MSA	298	350	442	4,069	4,133	4,679
OTHER LABOR AREAS						
AMHERST LMA	15	26	16	213	240	219
ATHOL LMA	19	27	30	321	362	429
BARNSTABLE COUNTY LMA	181	311	152	3,522	3,857	3,766
BALANCE OF WESTERN MA EA	17	19	10	205	207	145
DUKES COUNTY LMA	7	11	8	220	221	230
GARDNER LMA	54	55	49	561	610	687
GREAT BARRINGTON LMA	23	11	11	205	186	170
GREENFIELD LMA	25	77	51	460	546	596
NANTUCKET LMA	8	4	4	75	73	126
NORTH ADAMS LMA	57	101	70	660	708	881
SOUTHBRIDGE LMA	24	40	37	410	399	353
TAUNTON LMA	97	110	169	822	975	1,197
WARE LMA	23	23	17	252	279	234

1 - Week that includes the 12th
2 - Includes regular compensation not extended compensation
3 - Includes Rhode Island residents of PMSA
4 - Includes New Hampshire residents of PMSA

EXPLANATION OF TERMS

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment. Includes all workers who worked full or part-time or who received vacation pay, holiday pay or sick leave pay directly from the employer for the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Excluded are workers in most agricultural industries as well as those in forestry, fisheries and international government. Also excluded are self-employed workers, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households.

Benchmark. A reasonably complete count of employment at a specified period of time, usually the first quarter of the year. The principal sources of benchmark data for the CES Program are tabulations of employment reported by establishments covered by the Massachusetts Employment Security Law and by Federal government agencies covered by Federal U.I. Law. These principal sources are supplemented for those nonagricultural jobs not covered by U.I. (e.g., religious, students employed by the institution attended).

Establishment. An establishment is an economic unit which produces goods or services, generally at a single physical location, and is engaged in only one type of activity.

Labor Force. The sum of the employed and unemployed living in the area (total employment plus total unemployment).

Total Employment. The count of persons, living in the area, who did any work at all, in any area, for pay or profit during the week of the month including the 12th or who had a job from which they were temporarily absent because of illness, vacation, labor dispute or other reasons which does not reflect a shortage of work.

Total Unemployment. The count of persons, living in the area, who did no work at all, in any area, during the week of the month including the 12th, but who were looking for work or awaiting recall from layoff or beginning a new job within the next 30 days.

Unemployment Rate. Unemployment expressed as a percent of the labor force.

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